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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yuichi ARITA, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2123

Confirmation No. 9272

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Examiner: K. Thangavelu

For: SIMULATION APPARATUS, SIMULATION METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE  
RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING SIMULATION PROGRAM RECORDED THEREON AS  
WELL AS DESIGNING SUPPORTING APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR PRE-EXAMINATION INTERVIEW

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Applicant's representative respectfully requests an Interview before examination of the  
Amendment filed February 24, 2003, which is entitled to examination by way of the RCE filed  
herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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